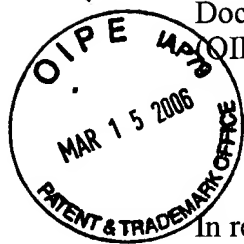


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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

This communication is in reply to the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 11, 2006.

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance (hereinafter "Statement") states that Long, U.S. Patent No. 6,526,416 ("LONG") does not teach the feature of Claims 2 and 4 of "monitoring of the storage space to be provided by the entities (Application Server Programs 90)." (Statement, page 3; emphasis in the original.) This statement appears to be based on the phrase "monitoring usage of the storage space by the entities" recited in Claims 2 and 4. However, the prepositional phrase "by the entities" modifies "usage." Thus, the entities **use** the storage space, but they do not necessarily **provide** the storage space.

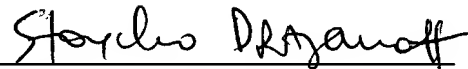
Further, in page 2 the Statement states that LONG teaches a plurality of segments (one log file for each Applicant Server Process 90) of a storage space (hard disk HDD 27), "where the sizes of the plurality of segments 244 can be resized to the most sufficient amount of space

for the log file 244.” However, it appears that in col. 16, line 55 to col. 17, line 64, LONG describes mechanisms for use of “checkpoints” by a recovery engine and recovery clerks for the sole purpose of reclaiming space of log records from completed transactions in a log file. Contrary to the assertion in the Statement, neither this passage nor any other passage in LONG describes any mechanisms which would allow a recovery engine to resize a log file if a log file is not sufficient for the transaction rate or volume of log records. Specifically, a log file in LONG is a file in a file system (col. 13, lines 57-60); however, nothing in LONG teaches that a recovery engine has the capability of “resizing” a file that is stored in a file system.

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